

REMARKS

Applicants reply to the Office Action dated June 18, 2009, which this Reply is filed within the one month shortened statutory period for reply. Claims 1-22 and 46-51 were pending in the application and the Examiner states that the claims are subject to restriction action and election requirement. Applicants withdraw claims 6-9 and 16-18. No new matter is added in this Reply. Reconsideration of the pending claims is requested.

The Examiner asserts an election of Species is required as follows:

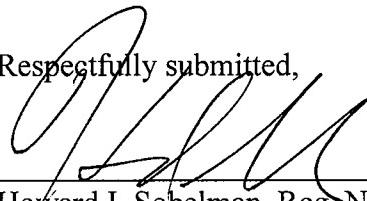
- I: Where the supporting section is a plurality of cylindrical rollers
- II: Where the supporting section is a plurality of belts

Applicants elect Species II, consisting of Claims 10-12, 19-21, 46 and 47, for prosecution in this application. Applicants select Species II in order to expedite prosecution of this application. Applicants also note that generic claims 1-5, 13-15, 22 and 48-51 also remain pending in this patent application.

Applicants do not acquiesce to the Examiner's foundation for the Restriction and Election Requirements as set forth in the Office Action. Accordingly, the foregoing elections are made without waiver, estoppel or without prejudice to the filing of one or more related applications directed to the subject matter of withdrawn claims 6-9 and 16-18.

The foregoing amendments conforms this application to the Examiner's Restriction and Election Requirement dated June 18, 2009. Applicants submit that the application is now in condition for examination on the merits. Early notification of such action is earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner have any suggestions to place the application in even better condition for allowance, Applicants request that the Examiner contact the undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees due or refund any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-2814, including extension of time fees, if needed.

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Respectfully submitted,

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